Madras Port

937. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to develop Madras Port in accordance with international norms in berth occupancy;

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to develop the satellite port at Ennore in Madras;

(c) the steps taken to convert Ennore satellite port into a multi-commodity port to serve the petro-chemical projects coming in Manali in Madras; and

(d) what are the details of investment made in Ennore satellite port?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) There are no international norms of berth occupancy. The level of berth occupancy at Madras Port has varied between 79.1 to 86.2 percent during 1987-88 and 1989-90.

Keeping in view the availability of resources, schemes for creation of new berths, modernisation of the existing berths and replacement of cargo handling equipments have been drawn up to increase the port capacity and productivity so as to reduce pre-berthing delays of ships.

(b) Feasibility Report to develop the satellite port at Ennore has been prepared. The proposal to develop the satellite port at Ennore has been taken up for investment decision.

(c) The satellite port at Ennore is proposed to handle thermal coal initially. There is no proposal at present to convert Ennore Satellite Port into a multi-commodity port.

(d) No investment has been made in the Ennore satellite port.

The position of Delhi Transport Corporation

938. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation are not in a position to cope up with the crowds due to the increase of population in Delhi;

(b) whether any alternative measures are being considered to meet the demand for improving the Delhi's public transport; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On account of financial constraints, DTC is in a position only to replace the overaged buses. During 1990-91, DTC has been given sanction for the purchase of 506 buses on replacement account. Of these, 209 buses have already been procured and for balance 297 buses, action to procure is underway and the same are likely to be added to the fleet by end June, 1991. In addition, Government propose to accord sanction for acquistion of another 394 buses on replacement account this year.

The Delhi Administration have also decided to introduce 100 buses on a point to point basis to augment public transport system.

Bus queue shelters of DTC in Delhi

939. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a great difficulty, is faced by the passengers in Delhi during summer and rainy seasons due to non availability of shelters on DTC bus stands;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated number of bus shelters likely to be constructed during the next two years;

(d) by when the facility of shelters will be provided at all the stops in the Capital; and

(e) the total number of bus stands at present in the Capital and out of them the number of bus shelters at the stops?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a), (b) and (e) The Delhi Transport Corporation has provided approximately 5500 bus stops in the City operational area out of which only 1503 have bus queue shelters. Financial and space constraints prevent the DTC from providing these amenities on all the bus stops.

(c) and (d) The Corporation has plans to construct about 800 bus queue shelters during the next two years. The actual construction, however, would depend upon the availability of funds. There are about 500 bus stops where it is not possible to construct shelters due to paucity of space and set back constraints. In the NDMC area, the NDMC Authorities provide bus shelters at their own cost. It is not possible to provide any time frame by which bus shelters could be provided at all the stops in the Capital.

Major and Medium Irrigation Projects of Andhra Pradesh

940. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of major and medium irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh pending with the Central Government;

(b) what is the present position of the above projects;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared; and

(d) what are the names of major and medium irrigation projects of the above State which were cleared during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) Out of three major and four medium projects with the Centre, one major project, namely, Jurala has been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee subject to, among others, State Government's obtaining clearance from environmental and forest angle. Two major projects, namely, Telugu Ganga and Vam sadhara Stage-II though techno-economically appraised, need resolution of inter-State issues involved. In addition, for Vamsadhare Stage-II, environmental clearance is to be obtained by the State Government. For the remaining four medium projects, namely, Modikuntavagu, Palmvagu, Yerravagu and Bhupatipalem, the State Government has to comply with the observations of central appraising agencies and also obtain forest clearance. In addition, two major projects namely, Godavari delta modernisation and Pennar Irrigation System remodelling have been recently received.

(d) No new project has been cleared since 1.4.1990.

Proposal to chalk out programme to stop pollution

941. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to chalk out any programme to stop pollution due to heavy industries and power stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds has been allocated for this purpose; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) An action plan for abatement of pollution from 17 categories of heavily polluting industries including Thermal Power Plants is already under implementation by the Central and State Govern-